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S E R E T 08 [REDACTED] OCT 70 CITE SANTIAGO [REDACTED]

IMMEDIATE [REDACTED]

FILE: [REDACTED]

1. AMBASSADOR CALLED IN [REDACTED] DEFENSE ATTACHE AND DCOS MORNING 8 OCT FOLLOWING RECEIPT [REDACTED] WITHOUT MAKING MENTION [REDACTED] ASKED FOR VIEWS OF THOSE PRESENT WHETHER THERE IS CHANCE OF MILITARY MOVING, VIAUX MOVING, POSSIBLE INTERACTION BETWEEN THEM, ETC. AMBASSADOR CLEARLY SHOWED OWN STRONG OPPOSITION TO ANY US INVOLVEMENT IN COUP ATTEMPT BECAUSE OF HIGH DEGREE POSSIBILITY COULD FAIL, TARNISH US IMAGE AND PLACE ALLENDE FIRMLY IN SADDLE AS BAY OF PIGS DID FOR CASTRO. HE NOW PREPARING MESSAGE ALONG THESE LINES IN RESPONSE TO [REDACTED] ALSO MAY BE CONSIDERING ORDERS TO [REDACTED] AND STATION TO CEASE ALL MILITARY CONTACTS TO PREVENT LATER ACCUSATIONS BY ALLENDE IF COUP ATTEMPTED AND FAILS.

2. FOLLOWING MEETING, STATION EMPHASIZED TO [REDACTED] THAT INSTRUCTIONS PREVIOUSLY PASSED TO HIM FROM ACTING DIRECTOR [REDACTED] [REDACTED] STILL STOOD, IE. THAT HE WAS TO TAKE ORDERS FROM COS REGARDLESS OF AMBASSADOR'S INSTRUCTIONS, ON MATTERS CONCERNING CONTACT WITH MILITARY. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD.

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3. [REDACTED] HAS ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS MADE CLEAR TO HIS MILITARY CONTACTS THAT IF THEY DO NOT MOVE NOW, THERE MAY BE NO NEXT TIME. HE HAS SAID THIS TO GEN VALENZUELA; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ADVISED BY COS ON 8 OCT

4. SPANISH COPY OF [REDACTED] PASSED TO [REDACTED] MORNING 8 OCT. HE ENTHUSIASTIC AND WILL PASS OUT AS MANY COPIES AS POSSIBLE ON A PERSONAL BASIS TO HIS MILITARY CONTACTS. [REDACTED]

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